

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a wart comprising the steps of:
providing a pharmaceutical preparation that includes formaldehyde as an active ingredient and at least one non-active ingredient, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount from about 2% to about 20% by weight and the composition is in the form of a powder or a gel;
applying the preparation to a surface of the wart to cause drying of the wart; and
subsequently removing the dried wart tissue.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the formaldehyde is present in amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes a thickening agent present in an amount greater than or equal to about 50%.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the thickening agent comprises silica.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the non-active ingredients permit the composition to be in the form of a gel, wherein the non-active ingredients include at least

three ingredients selected from the group consisting of deionized water, polysorbate 20, isopropanol, carbomer, peppermint oil and triethanolamine.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a surgical site prior to or after another procedure is performed to remove a skin growth, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a pharmaceutical preparation that includes formaldehyde as an active ingredient and at least one non-active ingredient, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount from about 2% to about 20% by weight and the composition is in the form of a powder or a gel;

removing excessive moisture at the surgical site by applying the preparation to the surgical site ~~to remove excessive moisture at the surgical site~~; and

performing the other procedure to treat the skin growth in the case where the preparation is used as a pretreatment prior to the other procedure being performed.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the other procedure comprises a pre or post surgical procedure for removal of the skin growth or non-surgical laser treatment of the skin growth.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the skin growth comprises one or more warts.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the formaldehyde is present in amount between about 5% to about 10% by weight.

forming a gel preparation that includes formaldehyde as an active ingredient and at least one non-active ingredient to cause the preparation to be in the form of a gel, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight;

29. (New) A method of treating a wart comprising the steps of:

forming a rehydratable powder that includes formaldehyde as an active ingredient and silica to cause the preparation to be in powder form, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight and the silica is present in an amount of 45% or greater by weight;

applying the powder to a surface of the wart to cause drying of the wart; and subsequently removing the dried wart tissue.